

Please substitute the following claim:

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Claim 1 (thrice amended):

D 1. A method for the treatment or prevention of intimal hyperplasia of a blood vessel of a person or animal, where the endothelium of said blood vessel is intact, wherein said method comprises periadventitial administration to a site of injury of said blood vessel of said person or animal of an amount of an agent that is effective to treat or prevent intimal hyperplasia of said blood vessel, wherein said agent comprises a nucleic acid that encodes an agonist of a Flt-1 or a Flk-1/KDR receptor to which VEGF binds and expressing said agonist encoded by said nucleic acid in the cells of said blood vessel, whereby intimal hyperplasia of the blood vessel is prevented or reduced.

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